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This application is a continuation of patent application claiming priority to the non provisional patent application having Serial No. 10/039,089, which was filed on January 2, 2002, ^{, now abandoned} and which claims priority to the provisional patent application having Serial No. 60/259,047, filed on January 2, 2001.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Sometimes various beverages have been dispensed into, and served within either paper, polymer, or related cups, by the restaurant, coffee shop, market, soda and coffee dispensing machines, and the like. In most instances, after the beverage has been deposited into the cup, a lid is available for clasping onto the top of the cup, to provide it with closure. And, in many instances, such lids have tear away portions, connected by perforation, which allows for opening only of the mouthpiece portion of the lid and cup, to allow the beverage to be consumed therefrom. Generally, this is the extent to which beverage cups, and their accompanying polymer lid, has been advanced, and used predominantly throughout commerce.

The only other modification made to such a lid is disclosed in United States patent No. 5,431,276, as assigned to Quik-Lid, Inc. In the patent, it defines an apparatus having a lid, with an external rim, an internal rim, the internal rim including a series of dividers, in order to create a plurality of compartments for holding additives, such as individually packaged sugar, creamers, sweeteners, and any of the other condiments that may be used in conjunction with the servicing and consumption of a cup of coffee, tea, or the like. But, in this patent, not only are the condiments sealed in their individual dividers, but each divider compartment includes a plunger, that may penetrate the bottom of the cover, to allow for dispensing of its individual contents into the cup, through the application of pressure applied to the lid forcing the plunger to puncture the